

between the Department and other governmental, educational, or private organizations and carrying out any other activities authorized by (7 U.S.C. 3121).

(110) Provide staff support to the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics related to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board (7 U.S.C. 3123).

(111) Conduct a program of grants to States to expand, renovate, or improve schools of veterinary medicine (7 U.S.C. 3151).

(112) Provide technical and educational assistance to conserve and enhance private grazing land resources (16 U.S.C. 2005b).

(113) Provide technical assistance to farmers and ranchers under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (16 U.S.C. 3830 *et seq.*).

(114) Coordinate USDA policy and conduct programs relative to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 136, *et seq.*) and coordinate the Department's Integrated Pest Management Programs and the Pesticide Assessment Program (7 U.S.C. 136–136y).

(115) Conduct programs of research, technology development, and education related to global climate change (7 U.S.C. 6701–6710).

(116) Represent the Department in international organizational activities and on international technical committees concerned with agricultural science, education, and development activities, including library and information science activities.

(117) Conduct a program of nutrition education research.

5. In subpart K, section 2.67 is amended by adding a new paragraph (a)(14) as follows:

**§ 2.67 Administrator, Economic Research Service.**

(a) \* \* \*

(14) Represent the Department in international organizational activities and on international technical committees concerned with agricultural science, education, and development activities, including library and information science activities.

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6. In subpart K, section 2.68 is amended by adding a new paragraph (a)(8) and by revising paragraph (a)(1) as follows:

**§ 2.68 Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.**

(a) \* \* \*

(1) Prepare crop and livestock estimates and administer reporting programs, including estimates of production, supply, price, and other aspects of the U.S. agricultural economy, collection of statistics, conduct of enumerative and objective measurement surveys, construction and maintenance of sampling frames, and related activities. Prepare reports of the Agricultural Statistics Board of the Department of Agriculture covering official state and national estimates (7 U.S.C. 476, 951, and 2204).

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(8) Represent the Department in international organizational activities and on international technical committees concerned with agricultural science, education, and development activities, including library and information science activities.

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For Subpart C:

Dated: November 28, 1997.

**Dan Glickman,**

*Secretary of Agriculture.*

For Subpart K:

Dated: November 26, 1997.

**I. Miley Gonzalez,**

*Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 9 CFR Part 78

[Docket No. 97–077–2]

#### Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Kentucky

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Affirmation of interim rule as final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are adopting as a final rule, without change, an interim rule that amended the brucellosis regulations concerning the interstate movement of cattle by changing the classification of Kentucky from Class A to Class Free. We have determined that Kentucky meets the standards for Class Free status. The interim rule was necessary to relieve certain restrictions on the

interstate movement of cattle from Kentucky.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The interim rule was effective on September 16, 1997.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

In an interim rule effective and published in the **Federal Register** on September 16, 1997 (62 FR 48475–48477, Docket No. 97–077–1), we amended the brucellosis regulations in 9 CFR part 78 by removing Kentucky from the list of Class A States in § 78.41(b) and adding it to the list of Class Free States in § 78.41(a).

Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before November 17, 1997. We did not receive any comments. The facts presented in the interim rule still provide a basis for the rule.

This action also affirms the information contained in the interim rule concerning Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders 12372 and 12988, and the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Further, for this action, the Office of Management and Budget has waived the review process required by Executive Order 12866.

#### List of Subjects in 9 CFR Part 78

Animal diseases, Bison, Cattle, Hogs, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation.

#### PART 78—BRUCELLOSIS

Accordingly, we are adopting as a final rule, without change, the interim rule that amended 9 CFR Part 78 and that was published at 62 FR 48475–48477 on September 16, 1997.

**Authority:** 21 U.S.C. 111–114a–1, 114g, 115, 117, 120, 121, 123–126, 134b, and 134f; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 9th day of December 1997.

**Craig A. Reed,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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